

ITEM # RESO 08-279  
FISCAL IMPACT: \$79,223.14  
FUNDING SOURCE: CIP Fund  
ACCOUNT: 45-9610-40750-00000-5115  
BUDGET OPENING REQUIRED: No

**ISSUE:**

Cooperative Agreement between the City and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and UTOPIA to bury existing utility lines on 3500 South.

**SYNOPSIS:**

All utility lines on 3500 South between 2700 West and Bangerter Highway will be buried in conjunction with the 3500 South Widening Project. West Valley City will pay for all additional costs of placing the lines underground, which exceed the cost of relocating overhead facilities outside the new roadway.

**BACKGROUND:**

Because UTOPIA is a combined effort of a group of Utah cities, it is considered a political subdivision under Utah State law regarding utility relocations on State highways. UDOT will therefore pay the equivalent cost of relocating the existing overhead UTOPIA utility lines to a new overhead location. Placing the utility lines underground is considered a betterment to be done at the City's expense. The total estimated cost of placing the UTOPIA lines underground is \$216,237.62. The incremental cost of placing the lines underground versus overhead is \$79,223.14, or 37% of the total cost.

The City is required to deposit \$79,223.14 with UDOT upon execution of this Agreement. The final amount of the City's cost will be 37% of the actual costs incurred at the time of construction. Changes in the scope of work, extra work, or changes in the planned work must be approved by the City in writing, prior to commencement.

This agreement is one of several agreements related to burying utilities on this project. An additional cooperative agreement, with UDOT, for other costs associated with burying the power lines and other utilities, will also be required. This additional work includes removal of existing improvements, trenching, and installation of conduit. There are additional agreements with other utility companies, for burying their facilities. The current estimated cost for all betterment work is within the \$1,500,000 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of Cooperative Agreement

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Russell B. Willardson, Public Works Director